

## **WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY**

**DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2013**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS WOOD  
GIRARD  
BENTLEY  
MONTESI  
TAYLOR  
FRASIER  
STRAINER

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

BUD YORK, SHERIFF  
SHAWN LAMOUREE, UNDERSHERIFF  
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS KENNY  
LOEB  
MASON  
MCDEVITT  
MATT SIMPSON, TOWN OF HORICON RESIDENT  
MARK NEAL, SYSTEM MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR, WARREN COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
LARRY JEFFORDS, COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR, WARREN COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*  
SAMANTHA HOGAN, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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Mrs. Wood called the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 9:02 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Commencing the Agenda review, Mrs. Wood gave a brief summary regarding a letter that the Fire Advisory Board had written to Chairman Geraghty at the end of September addressing communication issues; she noted that a subsequent meeting was held on October 9, 2013 to discuss the matter further.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Bud York, Sheriff, who provided details about the difficulties experienced with the narrow banding of radio frequencies required under Federal Law. He added that these negative effects on radio communications were being experienced Nation-wide, and he said many complaints had been received from Fire and EMS personnel, as well as Police Officers, that they were not receiving communications. Sheriff York reported that over the last year he had been meeting with Mark Neal, System Maintenance Coordinator; Brian LaFlure Director, Office of Emergency Services; and Shawn Lamouree, Undersheriff, to discuss this issue and they now believed they had come up with a solution to alleviate some of the communication problems in the northern part of the County by erecting a tower at the Department of Public Works (DPW) garage located in the Town of Warrensburg. Sheriff York stated that this would provide significant enhancements in communications, at a reasonable cost not to exceed \$60,000.00.

Mrs. Fraiser entered the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Sheriff York then referred to Agenda Item 2, requesting an RFP (Request for Proposals) for a consultant study of radio system and communication problem throughout Warren County. He explained that the consultant would review the current situation and determine other solutions to fix the problem; he added that the erection of a communications tower in Warrensburg was only one

of the many issues that need to be addressed in order to fix the problems with the communications systems.

Paul Dusek, County Administrator, interjected that the reason for the special meeting was to address a public safety issue with urgencies such as the foundation for the tower, that needed to be installed before winter. He added that Warren County was having a good sales tax year, and there were surplus funds available to cover this type of project.

A discussion ensued during which Mr. Neal responded to questions from the Committee regarding aspects of the tower construction and the effects it would have on the communication. Mr. Neal stated that this would not fix all of the problems, but would help with dead zones in the Warrensburg area.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Montesi and carried unanimously to authorize the purchase of materials to erect a communications tower in the Town of Warrensburg at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.00, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the October 18, 2013 Board meeting. A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.

As there was no further business to come before the Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Mr. Bentley and seconded by Mr. Girard, Mrs. Wood adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Samantha Hogan, Legislative Office Specialist